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Sir:

Section a.) Introductory Comments.

This is in response to the Patent Office Action dated July 6, 2004. Please amend the above-identified patent application as indicated in section b.) Amendments to the Claims, shown below starting on separate sheets.

Section b.) Amendments to the Claims.

The text of all claims under examination is shown below in the listing. Claims being amended in this paper include markings indicating changes that have been made relative to the prior version. These changes are shown by strikethrough for deleted matter and underlining for added matter. No accompanying clean version is supplied. The text of pending claims not being currently amended that are under examination are shown in clean version in the listing. Cancelled claims are indicated merely by their status without the text.